

Friends Deny Rev. Dr. Grant Defied Bishop

Prelate's Letter of Protest Came Too Late to Call Off Forum Meeting in Church of the Ascension Sunday

Rector Is Still in Bed

Wait Until Next Week, Say
Foes Who Threatened to
Act if Burch Did Not

Vestrymen of the Church of the Ascension and friends of the Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant rallied yesterday to combat the suggestion that the use of the church for forum purposes Sunday night following a disapproving letter from Bishop Charles S. Burch last Friday was in any way an act of defiance to the bishop. The forum meeting again caused considerable comment as the result of one assertion that "if Christ should come among us again he would be deported" and that there were "a lot of damn fools in the Senate, but not so many as in the House of Representatives."

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Lodge Claims Communion With Dead Is Proved

Advices All Who Would Talk With to Lead Peaceful, Quiet Life and to Consult Mediums, but To Be Sure to Avoid False Ones

Traveling further into the speculative realms of the unknown than he has ventured since arriving in America, Sir Oliver Lodge discussed the evidence for survival in an address in Carnegie Hall last night. He expressed the firm conviction that life continues after death and said he had definite proof that communication can be established with the dead. One-half of his time he devoted to illustration, quoting what he said were messages from the other side of the veil, particularly those received from his deceased son and co-worker, Myers, who died in 1901.

For the first time since Sir Oliver has addressed himself to New York he discussed the question of the "discarnate." His easy, professorial style and proceeded in somewhat jerky fashion to give what he termed evidence of survival. They were in no way given by mediums, but were frequently given by his eminent persons than the great English scientist.

"The momentous question of whether man survives bodily death will be determined within a few years, I believe," said Sir Oliver. "The answer is of vital significance to every one of us. If life terminates at death, there are many problems incapable of solution. It goes on and we preserve our individuality and character, then there is hope of solving problems which otherwise would be unsolvable. The answer to the question has really been given by religions of all kinds. The solution has been arrived at by faith and inspiration. But I am one of those inferior beings who have to have a cold-blooded scientific basis for my existence. Future existence lies in the unseen."

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Two Explanations for the Series of Disturbances at Women's Reformatory Offered by Employees

Hostilities were temporarily halted yesterday at the State Reformatory for Women at Bedford Hills, N. Y., when the seven girls, who since Thursday have been "carrying on" vocally, decided to rest.

Two explanations as to the cause of the outbreak were offered. Miss Helen A. Cobb, superintendent of the institution, said it was due principally to the fact that the girls in question knew that handcuffs were not now being used for punishment.

Individuals in close touch with the workings of the institution, supported by several employees, said that some of the girls now being punished were those who testified to alleged cruel tactics of the institutional heads at the recent investigation by John S. Kennedy, vice-chairman of the State Prison Commission.

Miss Cobb explained that girls in prison are not allowed to have food in their cells. They are given a tray of food at 11 o'clock, and if they do not eat it, it is thrown away. The girls who were in the institution at the time of the outbreak were those who testified to alleged cruel tactics of the institutional heads at the recent investigation by John S. Kennedy, vice-chairman of the State Prison Commission.

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